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See a play, support a good cause

Because of three generous sponsors, the preview showing of "Steel Magnolias" at the Greenville Little Theatre on Thursday, October 30, will benefit The Rotary Family Literacy Center at the YWCA. CCB, Bowater and The Rushing Foundation are sponsoring the play, and they have made about 450 tickets available for the benefit of the literacy center to be built and staffed by Rotarians from six area clubs, including the Rotary Club of Greenville.

The tax-deductible tickets are \$20, and the entire amount goes to the Rotary Club selling the ticket. Tickets can be purchased from Beth Padgett at 298-4321, bpadgett@greenvillenews.com or at the October 14 Fall Fellowship Outing.

The play begins at 8 p.m. on October 30. A "Meet and Greet" and light refreshments begin at 7 p.m. at the Greenville Little Theatre. It's a great opportunity to support a good cause while also treating the spouse, significant other, some friends, co-workers or business associates to some wonderful community theater!

White Oaks — the place to be

The venue for the October 14 meeting of Greenville Rotary shifts from the Poinsett Hotel to White Oaks, home of Furman University president and Rotarian David Shi. A reception is scheduled for 5:30, followed by dinner. This year's event will feature attendance competition between odd-year and even-year inductees. Golf and tennis tournaments also are scheduled at Furman University earlier in the day.

New members bolster work force

New club members made up one third of the work force last Saturday for the first big workday for Holiday Lights. The volunteers set up a majority of the displays, including most of the large ones.

"The time each of you has spent at Roper Mountain over the last three weekends has given us a tremendous 'leg up' on this year's project," said Chuck Saylor of the Holiday Lights committee.

Rotarians are encouraged to mark their calendars for the next two weekends. On Saturday, October 11, a crew of about 20 members will be needed to work on the 10-foot Christmas trees as well as repair some of the smaller displays. On Saturday, October 18, another big workday is scheduled to finish setting up displays on the mountain. For this event, approximately 40 members are needed. Each big workday begins at 8 a.m.

"Remember," Saylor said, "the more Rotarians we have, the quicker we can complete that day's activities."

Stenhammar choice for RI president

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar of the Rotary Club of Göteborg, Sweden, is the choice of the RI Nominating Committee for president of Rotary International in 2005-06, which met on September 8. He will become the official nominee on December 1 if there are no challenging candidates.

Stenhammar, a marketing manager for international food products, is the former owner of Gust. F. Bratt AB. A Rotarian since 1974, Stenhammar served on the RI board of directors in 1996-98. He has also served RI as district governor, committee member and chairman, and task force general coordinator. He chairs the Permanent Fund Committee for Europe and RIBI and is general coordinator of the Literacy and Education Task Force. He is a member of the Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force.

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Polio eradication: the last mile

By Terry Weaver, President

The October 2002 issue of *National Geographic* has an extraordinary article on Rotary's polio eradication successes (and remaining challenges). Look for it on the newsstand (or in your dentist's office next year). Here are some excerpts:

"Polio was supposed to be gone. By 2002. That's what health officials hoped would be the result of the Global Polio Eradication initiative, launched in 1998.

"Although aggressive vaccination programs to protect children have cut an annual 350,000 polio cases worldwide to fewer than 2,000 in seven countries, the disease has made a comeback, mainly in Nigeria, Pakistan and India. Cases in India rose from 268 in 2001 to 1,600 in 2002."

The article goes on to name Rotary International and our partners in this effort — WHO, CDC and UNICEF. All of us are united in this final push to finish off polio by 2005, Rotary's centennial year. That done, polio will join smallpox as the second disease in history to have been officially declared eradicated from the face of the earth.

Greenville Rotary is part of funding this effort, and has a remaining pledge of \$30,000 that we need to fulfill over this year and next. When our PolioPlus Committee calls upon you to help, remember that it's a small way to be part of an important event in world history.

The Family of Rotary

John Redmond has bought the historic Huguenot Mills office building on West Broad Street. It was built in the late 1800s.

Our club website now recognizes **veterans** in the online member database. If you haven't used the online member directory, you should try it. Go to: www.greenvillerotary.org. Click on "Members." The user name is greenville and the password is rotary. Vets, open your own listing and have a look.

Rotary in general, and our club in particular, got widespread attention in an op-ed piece by **Terry Weaver** in *The Greenville News*. In an article entitled "Upstate Rotarians taking steps to combat illiteracy," he wrote about the effort by our club and five others to establish The Rotary Family Literacy Center at the Greenville YWCA. This project is to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Rotary International in 2005.

**Next Health
and Happiness**

Harry's at the West-End, 1 Augusta St.
5:30-7 p.m., October 20
Entertainment will be provided

Polio eradication funds exceed goal

The polio eradication fundraising campaign (PEFC) has exceeded its goal by more than \$30 million. A total of \$111,499,351 in cash, commitments, District Designated Funds, and government matching funds has been raised to help make the world polio-free.

Although the campaign has succeeded in surpassing its goal, Rotarians are urged to continue to send in their contributions to fulfill commitments made to the campaign. Contributions will be accepted until June 30, 2005.

Missing Persons Report

The following members missed the meeting of September 23 **without a makeup reported by press time:**

Kim Bayne, Mark Berry, Jim Blakely, Andrew Bolen, Doug Bowling, Bland Burkhardt, Diane Cagle, Royce Carter, Dan Christie, Heyward Clarkson, Pat Currie, Marcia Duncan, Bill Easterday, Charles Eldridge, Mark Eley, Bob Ellis, John Funderburk, Jim Gaines, Mills Gallivan, Nelson Garrison, Fred Gilmer, Fred Gilmer, Andy Goldsmith, Roger Gower, David Guthrie, Rob Hampton, Alan Harkey, Bill Harner, Randy Harrison, William Herlong, John Hopkins, Jody Howard, Bob Hughes, Todd Korahais, Frank Landgraff, Julie Lisenby, Steve Loftis, Barry Lynch, Rip Major, Colin Martin, Ron McKinney, Mel Miles, Lee Miller, Jennifer Mims, Bill Misiaveg, Bob Morris, Ray Orvin, Lee Palms, Vic Pyle, Richard Rabb, John Reynolds, Jim Rumrill, Kevin Short, Hank Sitton, Laura Smart, Kirk Stone, Roger Stone, Richard Sturm, Bucky Tarleton, Brad Van Meter, Gill Walker, Geoff Wasserman, Bubba Watts, Bill Whitney, Jim Williams, Rush Wilson, James Woodside, Jim Wright, Baker Wyche.